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## The Lord of Life.

The Lord of life in death hath lain,  
To clear me from all charge of sin;  
And Lord, from guilt of crimson stain  
Thy precious blood hath made me clean.

And now a righteousness Divine  
Is all my glory, all my trust;  
Nor will I fear, since that is mine,  
While Thou dost live and God is just.  
Clad in this robe, how bright I shine!  
Angels possess not such a dress;  
Angels have not a robe like mine,  
Jesus the Lord's my righteousness.  
—Sel.

## College of St. James, Md.

On Monday, April 9th, I received a telegram to come home at once that my mother was very ill. On the next morning I boarded the train for Va. I arrived Tuesday evening, and Thursday morning she felt asleep in Jesus. She was conscious until the last moment. She was one that did not expect to receive her reward immediately. She said she would sleep a little while until Jesus comes and then she would be rewarded. Yes, I believe she will sleep beneath the clouds of the valley in unconscious repose until the morning of the first resurrection and then be raised with an immortal body and be forever with the Lord. She was a great sufferer for twenty-five years, but thank the Lord it is all over now and she is quietly sleeping in Jesus.

My Va. brethren prevailed upon me to stay with them until after the communion, which was held on the 24th. So I agreed to stay and did some "shotgun" preaching for them; preached one night at one place, and another night at another place. I preached nine sermons while in Va. Preached at four different points; hence but a couple sermons at each point. Result, seven additions. If we could have preached all at one place we believe we could have done a better work.

We had a glorious communion the 24th. Over one hundred communed. I think our Rockingham church comes a little nearer the gospel in their communion than any other church. In fact, I don't see where they can be criticised. They do not only have it after night, but they have it "the same night in which he was betrayed." 1 Cor. 11, 23. They also have a cup of the "fruit of the vine" at the supper, as recorded in the 22nd chapter of Luke and the 17th verse, to represent his drinking in the kingdom of God. We are going to eat as well as drink in the kingdom of God. We will "eat and drink at his table in his kingdom." They have the supper to represent the eating and the cup to represent the drinking in the kingdom of God. They have a "feast of unleavened bread," Luke 22. Like Peter and John went to prepare, Luke 22:8, which Christ and the apostles ate, verse 15, which Christ also called a "supper," verse 20, which has not yet reached its antitype, but will when it will be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. See Luke 22:16, 29, 30.

They have unleavened bread at the supper as well as the com-

munion, because they want to have a feast that represents "sincerity and truth, and not malice and wickedness." See 1 Cor. 5:8. They also have a sop instead of soup. Christ dipped into the sop, not soup, John 13:26. They think it safe to have just what Christ had. Thank the Lord for gospel-alone doctrine.

I have written an article in regard to our convention that ought to have appeared a month ago. Why did it not appear? Please explain. Some of the brethren think I have neglected my duty in calling the convention when I have not. Hope you will publish the article at once.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

April 28th, 1888.

[The article never arrived brother, unless it was one we have already published. Brethren sometimes overlook their articles.—Ed.]

## Maple Grove, Ind.

Maple Grove is what was known as the Eaton Church. Nearly three years ago I was called to this place to preach a few sermons by way of introduction to the Brethren's cause, none of our ministers ever having been there before. Quite an atmospheric opposition was waged against the cause of progression, but nevertheless she spread her pinions, took the wings of the morning and soared above the storm of opposition and perched upon God's eternal truth.

The dew of heavenly blessings have fallen upon the feeble efforts that we put forth, and through the energy of the brethren and the assisting grace of God they have a very substantial house of worship, and a very promising young minister, Bro. G. W. Rench, who preaches for them every two weeks. Bro. Rench is held in high esteem by his congregation. They have one among the most interesting Sabbath School we have attended.

Bro. John Gibson is superintendent and he is a young man. He seems to be at home in the Sabbath School. It is encouraging to see such young men at the helm of church and Sabbath School work. It was our privilege to visit this church over Sunday. Saturday night and Sunday we had large congregations, but Sunday night our house was entirely too small to accommodate the people. Through the earnest request of the brethren we consented to visit them once in three months on the fifth Sunday. Hope it may be for good.

This morning (Monday) we are homeward bound.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

April 30, 1888.

## Jones Mills, Pa.

Sunday April first, we organized our Sunday School at this place with Bro. Wm. H. Miller, Superintendent. Preaching at half-past ten. On Thursday at 2 p. m., in company with brother Brown, we organized a brethren

church at Bridgeport with Bro. Wm. F. Murray leader, 16 members in all.

On Sunday April 8th, attended meeting, morning and evening, and among many others witnessed the baptism of four persons in the waters of the Jacob's creek, brother Brown officiating. Consecration services in the evening by prayer and laying on of hands.

On Thursday evening preached my first sermon for the Mount Zion church at Bridgeport, this county.

On Saturday the 14th, at 2 p. m., met with the brethren of Highland church, Pa., in a business meeting, and among other business we decided to have our communion meeting at the Highland meeting house on Saturday evening, May 19th. Meeting to commence one week previous.

Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening, preached my first sermons for the brethren at Highland, as their pastor for the present year.

On Saturday evening the 21st, and on Sunday morning and evening preached for the Highland church again and helped to organize their Sunday School, with brother Eli Hildebrand, superintendent.

On Sunday April 29th, preached morning and evening at Jones Mills. During this time the brethren decided that we would have our spring love feast on Sunday evening, May 27th. Meeting to commence Saturday evening, May 19th. Thus ended our labors in church work for April 1888.

STEPHEN HILDEBRAND.

## West Independence, Ohio.

On the 28th of April, I went to West Independence. I have a number of relatives in that locality, with whom I am intimate from years gone by. Here is the family of Jacob A. Leedy, who was one of the leaders in the little society known as the Leedys. He was a good speaker and a good man. Some years ago he arose one morning early and in a few minutes died with disease of the heart. All of his family who now make a profession are members of the Brethren Church.

This is Bro. Martin Shively's parish. I found him doing what he could to build up the church. The Sabbath School is a very interesting one, in fact one of the liveliest in the brotherhood I am acquainted with. It is one of the few that has excellent singing. Bro. Isaiah Myers is the chorister, and because, I suppose, he is a relative he leads the singing all right.

Bro. Jacob Hazen and "Gus" Graybill have purchased the Evangelical church there, and now they worship in their own house. The brethren there do not know what to do about making a deed for the church. If Ashland College was a sure thing, they would so deed the church that any proceeds arising from its sale, in the event that it should not be used as a Brethren church, could be turned over to

it. This is one of the defects of the Brethren Church. It has no central organization to which property can be deeded, and be held by the church in general, and so disposed of. We may get there some time.

I lectured on Saturday evening in the church and took up a collection for the College, and a few dollars were obtained in that way.

On Lord's day evening we had a meeting at the church.

Bro. Shively took up school on the 30th for a summer term. He has engaged himself for the coming winter also, and between the church and school he will have all he can pull along. The community says he is improving rapidly as a speaker, and that we were glad to hear.

I called on Bro. John Shoemaker's, at Fostoria, who recently moved from Ashland. They are faring well.

A. L. GARBER.

## Mt. Pleasant, Ohio.

I thought it would be well to let the readers of the EVANGELIST hear from us again.

Bro. Swihart came to our place on the 14th, and preached three times. Had a good turnout each time, and on the 16th baptized. While he was baptizing there was one young lady stepped into the ranks, and down into the water and was baptized. Her parents were of different faith, and as Bro. Swihart says, her mother bucked a good deal. She said if her daughter got sick, she would prosecute us: but we think she meant she would persecute. We feel encouraged. Very often we break into the ranks of others.

That makes 17 at this place since the first of January. We hope the number can be doubled by the first of January next.

May God bless Bro. Swihart in his work, and may he ever preach the gospel in its fullness, and at last gain a home in that new bright clime, is our prayer.

HENRY KIZER.

## Sidney, Indiana.

We are in a land of trials and difficulties, but after all, it there is no cross there is no crown.

At our last regular appointment at Warsaw, one young lady stepped into the ranks with the children of God. The church at this place has had some hard pulls, but is coming out on fair footing, and there is good prospects of a prosperous church in the near future.

Sunday, the 29th, we preached a sermon. It was the closing of the year's work, in which we tried to labor faithfully and earnestly. It seems a short period, yet just 365½ days. Sunday, the 6th, was our day of baptism. Bro. Rittgers goes north on that day to his work. We scatter out you see. To the editor,—Yes, Summers, Rittgers and Palmer will take the chances during the Annual meeting.

Some want to know whether the Progressive editor would be there with his scratch book. They rather fear him.

It seems as though Indiana could muster up a Sabbath School Convention it we thought so. Say we have one some place.

J. H. PALMER.

## Williamsport, Dakota.

The first religious services of the season were held in Williamsport, Sunday, April 29th. Services every two weeks hereafter. Organized Sunday school same day for the season of 1888 with the following officers: Supt., Miss Edna F. Conner; Asst. Supt., J. H. Worst; Secretary, Miss Stella Edick; Treas., H. D. Conner; Chorister, D. R. Rupert; Organist, Miss Eva D. Campbell; Librarian, Miss Bertha A. Packer. Teachers will be chosen next Sunday. Cooks quarterlies will be used. A large audience honored the opening of the season's religious work. For a new country, within a few gun shots of forty-five hundred savages, the Williamsport neighborhood for sobriety, intelligence, musical talent, and moral, social and religious culture ranks among the first settlements in any old country and far above the average in pioneer lands.

J. H. W.

## Star Tannery, Va.

Last week the Rockingham church held its communion with about 110 communicants. Bro. I. D. Bowman, from Md., was with us, who was called to his old home to attend the funeral of his mother. Like a true soldier he preached about a week before we joined them, and had six enrolled. After the communion one more was added. The church here needs work at so many places where the gospel hammer should fall. I am at this writing at a new point and will stay for several days only. Nights are growing short and revival meeting will hold over for a season.

E. B. SHAVER.

April 30, 1888.

## Waterloo, Iowa.

The weekly prayer meeting of the brethren was held on Wednesday evening in the country, at the home of sister Horn, and in the city, at the home of brother and sister Yoder, on Thursday evening. Though I could not be present I learned from others they had very good meetings. I hope to be able soon to announce through the EVANGELIST, Bro. Wise's regular appointment for Waterloo.

The church is moving along nicely under the guardianship of Bro. Wise. Bless the Lord. We are glad to hear that Bro. Bashor's health has so far improved that he can enter the evangelist field again. The harvest is great and the laborers are few.

WM. P. COBAUGH.

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